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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the FCC:

On behalf of the Sierra Club's nearly 20,000 members in Oregon, I am writing in support of the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA. Our organization is actively engaged in protecting Oregon's forests and deserts, and advocating for energy efficiency and clean energy.

Our support for this merger is based on the broadband upgrades it would bring to Oregon and on the environmental benefits that this upgrade would produce. This merger is an important step toward expanding broadband to rural areas and building sustainable communities across our state. Expansion of broadband technologies to rural Oregon will bring vital 21st century infrastructure to all of our communities, allowing Oregon residents to conserve energy by reducing carbon emission related to travel.

The 4G LTE deployment AT&T would make as a condition of the merger would bring high-speed mobile broadband connections to Oregon's rural areas without the need to cut down swaths of forest or damage waterways to accommodate above- or below-ground cables. Additionally, the easy availability of high-speed broadband would reduce carbon emissions by allowing more people to telecommute. It would also boost energy efficiency through improved smart grid access and increased use of smart meters making use of broadband technology, while providing T-Mobile employees the opportunity for union representation.

For all these reasons, the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club joins the national Sierra Club in urging your approval of this merger.

Sincerely

Brian Pasko
Chapter Director

CC:

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn